

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: April 2 - 6, 2012**

### **1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 9, 2012:**

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and open to the public unless noted otherwise. *(City Clerk)*

**2. Annual Easter Egg Hunt - April 7:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Event will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Lee Jordan Field (behind Takoma Park Middle School). The hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and is for girls and boys ages 2 - 8. This event is one you won't want to miss, so get your baskets ready. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

**3. Ride-On Bus Visit - April 14:** This is a reminder that the demonstration of the small clean-diesel Ride-On bus that may replace the gasoline-fueled buses along Routes 18 and 25 is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m., in the parking lot of the Takoma Park Community Center. *(Deputy City Manager)*

**4. Favorite Poem - April 10:** There is still time to submit your poem to share at the 13th annual Favorite Poem Evening this coming Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. Send your name, generic occupation, and the name of your published poem (by someone other than yourself or your friends) to Ellen at ellenr@takomagov.org by Monday morning, April 9, to be included in a printed program. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Come and read a poem or just listen! *(Library)*

**5. Comics Jam! - April 10:** Comics Jam with Dave Burbank will be held on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. at the Library. Read comics on the big screen with Dave! No registration necessary. *(Library)*

**6. The Reading Group - April 11:** On Wednesday, April 11, the Friends Reading Group continues its discussions of Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" in the Community Center Azalea Room at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! *(Library)*

**7. County Zoning Rewrite Open House - April 10:** Park and Planning Staff will provide information on the Zoning Rewrite project underway in Montgomery County. At the open house meetings, attendees can view graphics and other materials that explain what's being considered. Participants will see exactly how what's proposed applies to their neighborhood. The meeting will provide information on master plan areas that include Takoma Park. The Open House is 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10 at the Park and Planning Headquarters, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. [www.zoningmontgomery.org](http://www.zoningmontgomery.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**8. Register Today for Bike To Work Day - May 18:** Join over 10,000 bicycle commuters in the Washington region on May 18 by registering for one of three Bike To Work Day 'pit stops' in Takoma Park. Pit stops are in Old Takoma, on Sligo Creek Trail and at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. Whether traveling to work, school, or Metro, anyone commuting by bike the morning of May 18 can participate in this free event. All registrants get a free t-shirt at their pit stop, are treated to refreshments, and entered to win prizes like bikes and messenger bags. Learn more about the event and register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org). *(Housing and Community Development)*

**9. Softball – Players Needed:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for individuals to register on the eighth and final team for the Adult Co-ed Softball League. All games are played on Sunday mornings. For more information please contact EricR@takomagov.org or call (301) 891-7290. [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/flyers/softball\\_flyer\\_2012\\_color\\_for\\_web.pdf](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/flyers/softball_flyer_2012_color_for_web.pdf). *(Recreation)*

**10. Spring Break Camp - Farewell:** This past week, 30 girls and boys participated in the 2012 Spring Break Camp. Campers had a blast as they had the opportunity to explore nature, visiting Sligo Creek Park, Botanical Gardens, Rollingcrest Pool and Watkins Park. Participants also celebrated Easter with several theme related activities. *(Recreation)*

**11. Summer Camp Registration:** Registration for all 2012 Summer Camps are underway and many camps are filling fast. The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers a variety of camps: sports, dance, art, video, science, theater and more. To view our camp offerings online, visit: [www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation). For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

**12. Knitting Class for Seniors:** A full class of seven seniors began the five-week "Introduction to Knitting" class on Monday, April 2 at the Takoma Park Community Center. Volunteer instructor, June Gable, began teaching participants the basics of knitting. *(Recreation)*

**13. Seniors Write About Their Life Experiences:** Volunteer instructor, Katherine Coram, began the six-week "Writing Your Life" class for seniors on Tuesday, April 3. Ten seniors began writing about a variety of topics and events in their lives and will complete a personal memoir during the course. *(Recreation)*

**14. Takoma Park Recreation Center is Host to Elections:** The Takoma Park Recreation Center hosted the April 3 primary

elections. A steady flow of residents came to the recreation center to cast their vote. (*Recreation*)

15. **Takoma Park Recreation Center is Host to Hillwood Manor Community Association Meeting:** On Thursday, April 5, Takoma Park Recreation Center was host to the Hillwood Manor Community Association meeting. The meeting was well attended by community members and served as an opportunity to showcase the recreation center and the program opportunities. (*Recreation*)

16. **Highlights from Community Outreach Officer, Pfc. Carla Magnaye:**

March 26

- Conducted morning business checks in the 1100/1300 blocks of University Boulevard, 7600/7500/7400 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue, and the 700/6900 blocks of Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue
- Conducted presentations to the 4-5 year old classes at Centro Nia Childcare Center

March 27

- Conducted business checks in the 6900/6800/6400/6300 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue and 8600 block of Flower Avenue.
- Reached out to the Parent-Teachers Association in reference to presentations for parents on bullying
- Reached out to Piney Branch Elementary School and Takoma Park Elementary School in reference to gang awareness

March 28

- Conducted foot patrol in the 8600 block of Flower Avenue
- Conducted online training for bullying through the FCC.gov site.

March 29

- Prepared for out-of-county residential security training
- Attended defensive tactics training – active shooter scenarios.

April 2

- Assisted with a residential security training course hosted by Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute through the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions in Ocean City

April 4

- Followed up on a quality of life (pet waste) issue at a private condo complex in the City and drafted a written warning letter to the violator; followed up on a check of the welfare call for a senior citizen living alone - she has now been registered for the CARE program.

April 5

Conducted a detail at Don Bosco in reference to faculty complaints about students' marijuana use; provided information to inquiring citizens about Neighborhood Watch wanting to be started on their block. (*Police*)

17. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (March 30-April 5) may be viewed online at: <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. (*Police*)

18. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 97 traffic stops, which resulted eight vehicle impounds, two 2 CDS arrests, three DUI arrests, and two warrant services from traffic.

***During March 28 – April 2 the following details were completed:***

March 28

- Prince George's Avenue at Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued nine State citations.
- Prince George's Avenue at Belford Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

March 29

- Elm Avenue at Prince George's Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Belford Drive at Prince George's Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations and one warning.

March 30

- New Hampshire Avenue at Holton Lane (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued six State citations.

April 2

- Prince George's Avenue at Belford Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

- Prince George's Avenue at Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Hillwood Manor Area (speeding/delivery vehicles) - conducted a 2-hour detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.  
(Police)

**19. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):**

*Week of March 29 – April 5*

State Citations issued: 102

City Citations issued: 14

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 4

Warnings: 4

Court: 5 hours

On-view Arrests: 2

(Police)